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) MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

) Group Art Unit: 3736

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of the listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed since it is no longer required.

JP-A-6047570. An English language translation is enclosed.

JP-A-10-118005 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,001,068.

JP-A-11-176268 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,492,037 and U.S. Patent No. 6,692,841.

The documents are being submitted after a first Office Action on the merits but prior to the closing of prosecution, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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